

EMTI Committee meeting 5/9/2011

Present: Mary Stone, Sue Chickering, Nona Estrin, Rick Hopkins, Richard Brock, Anna Saxman, David Webb, Patrick O'Donnell, Michelle McFadden

RiverWalk presentation: Michelle McFadden shared information about the project to enhance the East Montpelier Village. She and Jean Vissering with a committee of about 8 people have worked hard to get grants to put in sidewalks and plants trees and shrubbery to beautify this area and make it more pleasant to walk through. The next goals are to have a trail that loops along the river and back through the village for walkers and bicyclists. Land is owned by John Hull, John Winston, Earl Montague. Plans to eventually put in a sidewalk and cross walks are also being explored to complete the loop. John Hull said that he would mow a trail along the riverbank through the meadow this summer. Jean Vissering suggested that they have Rally Day down in the village this year. This may be a possibility. The committee gave Michelle the names of several people she might be able to contact to get involved in this endeavor. All were very supportive of the idea and excited about this venture. They are looking at other potential sources of grant money from the Dufresne Group, AARP, and possibly the River Conservancy. VYCC often has volunteers looking for projects so this might be a good source of manpower at some point.

Minutes from prior meeting were approved after Mary Stone moved, Anna Saxman seconded.

Treasurer's report: no activity this month

Map: Sue and Mary will proceed with getting new improved map form Kris Hammer

Carlton Smith Fund: Discussion on whether we need to access more funds for projects this summer. Patrick reported that the 4 corner school does not need \$ and is willing to let the Rec committee and EMTI split the funds 2 ways. **Patrick is waiting to hear from the Rec committee whether they would like to get \$ this year.**

Spring Trail Assessment: David Webb has gotten in touch with several of the trail stewards with assessments but has not really heard back from very many people. Mallory Brook seems to be in good shape from Johnson Road to Minister Brook, but Minister Brook to Cherry Tree Hill needs work. Nona suggested that Charles be a steward for Mallory Brook and Sue Riggen thought that Mark Catlin might also want to steward this trail with Charles. **David Webb will contact Mark, Nona will contact Charles.**

Esther's Rock trail update: **Sue will contact Austin to remind him that when it gets dry it would be nice to move it up on the knoll.** He can contact one of us to help with the move because it needs to, not only be placed up there, but placed into the ground firmly. **Rick Hopkins will get an idea of what it might cost to put in a board walk and try to elicit help from MAMBA.** We unanimously approved Rick spending up to \$300 to build this board walk over the wet area on this trail section.

National Trail Day - June 4th: We plan to help Greg Western on Trail day doing revegetation work on the XVT trail. **David will contact Greg Western to make sure that this is still the plan and then contact Rebecca Brown to invite the Girl Scouts to help with this project as well.** Mary thought it would be nice to find some pictures of Greg and Zyla on his website and frame these as a present to him from all of us. **Mary will look into doing this.**

Templeton Road Box needs fixing: **Nona will ask Charles if he would like to do this**

Next meeting: July 11 at Rick Brock's house